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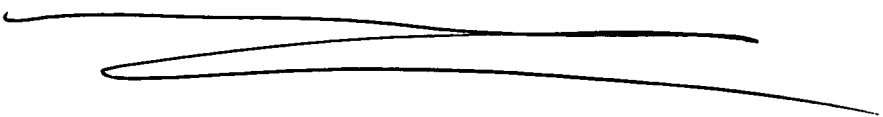~~605-4252~~

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Please consider the following proposed amendment.

1.(currently amended)   A tracking system in which a package is to be sent from a user

to a recipient by requesting shipping through Internet resources associated with carriers

capable of delivering the package to the recipient, in which the user determines the carrier

to be used for shipping a package to a particular recipient, comprising:

means for generating a tracking number, the tracking number being associated with

a the package to be sent from the user to the recipient by a selected carrier;

means for generating a tracking request, the tracking request containing the tracking

number associated with the package, as well as information of the particular **selected**

carrier which is to deliver the package to the **particular** recipient[s];

a storage location adapted to store the tracking request[s];

a tracking coordinator adapted to receive said tracking request and adapted to

generate tracking objects[,]

and adapted to send said tracking objects to a tracking website of the selected

carrier;

means for receiving results from the tracking website of the selected carrier;

means for updating the shipping server data storage with the results from the

tracking website of the selected carrier website; and

wherein the tracking coordinator limits **comprises means for limiting** the

generation of tracking objects for each of a plurality of carriers so that the tracking objects

~~are~~ **the selected carrier based on pacing constraints provided by the selected carrier**

so as to be generated no more frequently than a ~~predetermined~~ **carrier designated**

number of tracking objects per ~~predetermined time interval that is established by the carrier~~

carrier designated interval.

15.(currently amended)   A tracking method for a shipping system in which a package is

to be sent from a user to a recipient by requesting said shipping through Internet resources

associated with carriers capable of delivering the package to the recipient, in which the user

of the shipping system determines the carrier to be used for shipping a package to a

recipient, and in which the shipping system has a shipping system server with a data

storage device for storing package tracking data, comprising the steps of:

(a)   generating a tracking number associated with ~~a~~ **the** package to be sent from the

user to the recipient by a selected carrier;

(b)   generating a tracking request containing the tracking number associated with the

package, as well as information of the ~~particular~~ **selected** carrier which is to deliver the

package to the **particular** recipient[s];

(c)   storing the tracking request[s];

(d)   generating tracking objects[,] and sending said tracking objects to ~~the~~ **a** tracking

website of the selected carrier;

(e)   receiving results from the tracking website of the selected carrier;

(f)   updating ~~the~~ shipping server data storage with the results from the **tracking**

website of the selected carrier website; and

(g)   limiting the generation of tracking objects for ~~each one of a plurality of carriers so~~

~~that the tracking objects are~~ **the selected carrier based on pacing constraints**

provided by the selected carrier so as to be generated no more frequently than a

~~predetermined~~ **carrier designated** number **of tracking objects** per ~~predetermined time~~

~~interval established by the carrier~~ **carrier designated interval**.

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